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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.MONARTO GENERAL MANAGER.

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A senior Canberra public servant with wide experience in urban development and administration, Mr. A.W. Richardson, is to be the new General Manager of Monarto.

His appointment was announced by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan tonight.

The General Manager will oversee the development of the new city, working with the Government Departments involved in its creation and attracting industry to it. Initially he will work closely with the Monarto Steering Committee.

Mr. Richardson, who is 50 years old, married, and at present Assistant Secretary in the Commonwealth Department of Housing, was selected from two hundred applicants for the \$22,000 a year job.

He is expected to take up his appointment in about three months.

The Premier said Mr. Richardson's qualifications made him ideally suited to the new post.

A Western-Australian born economics graduate, Mr. Richardson has held a number of top positions in both the State and Commonwealth public service.

He has extensive experience in the field of town planning, housing and land development, as well as in general administration and negotiation.

Mr. Dunstan said that the appointment of the General Manager was the first move in the establishment of the management structure that in the early stages would administer the new City.

He said that detailed negotiations had been continuing for some time with the Commonwealth Government and its agencies on Commonwealth assistance for the project.

Several planning consultants had been invited to present to the Government their broad concepts of how the new City could best be developed.

Mr. Dunstan said he expected that these concepts would be publicly displayed later this year.

He said that the successful consultants would be engaging the services of world renowned advisors on the development of new Cities.

"The site for Monarto is unique.

"It gives us an opportunity for radical new Australian innovations in city design and planning.

"We see the city as one in which the planning problems that bedevil older Australian cities are solved.

"It will be a City in which people will be able to live and work in ways not disadvantaged by problems arising out of traffic, noise and atmospheric pollution."

Mr. Dunstan said that Monarto would also be a city in which a very wide range of housing styles will be available, and in which extensive use will be made of native Australian plants and trees in all parks, gardens and streets.